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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1.  This communication is responsive to 08/23/2004.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-16 and 21-25.

3.  The drawings filed on 21 March 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

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6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached

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**Attachment(s)**

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 02/11/2005
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



**KIEU-OANH BUI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Remark***

1. Claims 2, 17-20 were canceled in the recent amendment.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1, 3-16, 21-25 are allowed.

***Reasons for Allowance***

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record issued to Hiyoshi and Harper fails to either alone or combine to teach or suggest a television apparatus or a communication system comprising a plurality of respective television apparatuses interconnected together in a peer-to-peer relationship, wherein a first user at the first television apparatus can request and acquire the currently viewing of a second user or any interconnected user within the system, and alternatively, that second user also can request and obtain information regarding the content of the first user is currently viewing on the first television apparatus as cited in claims 1, 7, and 12. Hiyoshi simply refers to a master-slave system that a parent can monitor his children's watching habits, yet the slave television apparatus cannot request the currently viewing content from the master's apparatus. Harper concerns to a remote learning system for query requests and responses, but not the peer-to-peer interaction as noted among television apparatuses.

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***Conclusion***

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